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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Congressional Staffers on Soviet
Manned Space Activities and Soviet ASAT Program

1. On 3 July 1984, three Congressional staffers--Marsha Smith of the Congressional Research Service; Janey Wright of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and Radford Byerly of the House Science and Technology Committee--were briefed on Soviet space programs. The 2-hour briefing took place in the office of [redacted], Chief of the Space Systems Division, Office of Scientific and Weapons Research (OSWR). The TS/codeword briefing consisted of two parts. The first was a summary of Soviet manned space activities, given by analyst [redacted] of the Space Missions Branch. He discussed the purposes behind the Soviet program [redacted]

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The second part of the briefing covered Soviet development of high-energy lasers. The presentation was given by [redacted] of the Space Warfare Branch. He traced the history of the Soviet laser program, indicated likely testing times and places, and discussed the ASAT application of laser weapons. [redacted]

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[redacted], they were told a briefing on this topic would have to be arranged separately through the Office of Legislative Liaison. As a follow-up, Janey Wright requested a written assessment on Soviet directed energy weapons. An IA On this topic (SW 84-10006, S/NF, Jan 84) was obtained for delivery to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and she was informed that the publication would reach her the week of 9-13 July.

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